

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 879

April 27, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the 2006 Education Summit of Tennessee and provides for the membership of the Summit. The Summit shall convene by September 30, 2006, for the purposes of evaluating the current educational delivery system for K-12 and higher education in Tennessee. A website shall be created for live streaming of the discussion and presentations of the Educational Summit for public view. The Summit shall file a report and make recommendations to create an educational system by January 15, 2008. All state agency involvement shall be coordinated by the Comptroller of the Treasury or, subject to appropriations, by staff as may be hired for such purpose. The Summit shall seek to maximize any non-governmental funds that may be available from organizations that will help the Summit to complete its charge.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000 One-Time

Assumptions:


- The Summit on Education would hold meetings for the entire membership in Nashville.
- Estimate assumes the cost of the Summit will be the state's responsibility and would cease after January 15, 2008.
- The members of the Summit shall serve without compensation but will be reimbursed for travel expenses. Cost of each day of the meeting per member is estimated to be approximately \$200. Travel costs for at least 52 members of the Summit are estimated to be \$10,400 per meeting.
- In addition, the four committees of the Summit must each meet at least once in every grand division of the state and members would be eligible for reimbursement for any travel expenses. Estimate assumes 13 members per committee. The cost for meetings for these committees is estimated to be approximately \$31,200. (4 committees x 13 members per committee x 3 meetings)

- If the Summit utilizes outside experts to present academic research and papers or analysis of educational issues through contractual arrangements, state expenditures could be significant.
- Creation of a website for live streaming of the discussion and presentations of the Educational Summit for public view which is estimated to be between \$10, 000 and \$15,000.
- Various state agencies will provide staff assistance.

Note: If additional staff positions are needed by the Summit to complete its charge, an amount exceeding \$50,000 will be needed for salary and benefits for each position added.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director